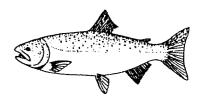
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The first reading of the 20 alternatives for the Bay Delta area seems to be appropriately broad enough to satisfy many interested user groups to some degree, although emphasis is directed to circumvention of Sacramento River waters around or under the delta for final distribution in the southern valley and beyond.

There is apparent lack of concern in the Workshop 5 Information Packet of a basic fact of migratory fish flows through the delta to the ocean. In view of hydrologic study that as much as 30 million acre feet passed through the delta system over 100 years ago, we find about one third of these waters may be what enters the bay delta complex now. It is estimated that 30 percent of this remaining balance may afford a fish beneficial transport flow to the ocean.

It seems reasonable to assume that Cal. Fed. should address this concept in view of the long standing fish doubling goal. Many biologists agree that percentages of stream flows are collateral with movement of juvenile salmon. If this is valid, it may be a primary consideration in solving or countering the delta Black Hole concept. Instead of a 30 percent flow through, a "Doubling" to 60 percent may be indicated, otherwise a sustainable recovery of salmon appears unobtainable.

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